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Intimations

ZETLAND LODGE,



No. 525 E.C.

AN Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 14th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, January 14, 1898. 63

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED AND REDUCED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Half-Yearly
MEETING of **SHAREHOLDERS** in the
Company will be held at the **OFFICE** of
the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central, on **FRIDAY**, the
31st instant, at 2 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of the
Accounts, and of the Cash, and of the
Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing
Auditors.

The Transfer **BOOKS** of the Company
will be **CLOSED** from the 18th to 31st
instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1896.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eleventh Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on **Monday, the 30th day of January, 1936**, at **Two o'clock**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1935.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 9, 1936.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighty-Second ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 23rd JANUARY, 1896, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

The RECORDS of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 18th, to THURSDAY, the 23rd JANUARY, 1896 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary,
Hongkong, January 9, 1896.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, No. 2, Pray Centre, on **TUESDAY, the 28th day of January** instant, at Noon, when the following Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 14th of January instant, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution, viz.:-

'That the **HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED**, be wound-up voluntarily, under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1863 to 1890, and that **CRAEY EWING, of Victoria**, in-the-County-of-Middlesex, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up.'

Dated the 11th day of January, 1896.

W. A. DUFF,
Secretary.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
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Full Particulars will be published later.

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Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.00.

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Hongkong, January 10, 1896.

A MASONIC BALL

Under the Auspices of the

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF

HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA

will be held at the

CITY HALL,

MONDAY, 17th February, 1896.

INTENDING SUBSCRIBERS will find

LISTS at

THE HONGKONG CLUB,

THE HONGKONG HOTEL,

THE VICTORIA HOTEL,

THOMAS GRILL ROOMS,

Messrs CAMPBELL & MOORE,

FALCONER & Co.,

KELLY & WALSH,

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 10, 1896.

Notices to Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT

SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH,

SWAKIM, MASSAWAH, HOEDEDA,

ADEN, BOMBAY,

COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Gladis* having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods are being landed

at their risk, in the Godowns of the

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND

GODOWNS CO., LTD., whence delivery may

be obtained.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. *Alania*, trans-

shipped at CALCUTTA. From TRIESTE, ex

s.s. *Imperatore*, transhipped at Bombay.

From YENJON, ex s.s. *Carotta*, transhipped

at TRIESTE.

Optional Cargo will go to SHANGHAI unless

notice to the contrary be given before

Neon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims

must be sent to the Undersecretary before

Neon or the 20th Instant, or they will

not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and

any Goods remaining in the Godowns after

the 20th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1896.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London

and Havre ex s.s. *Orizaba*, from

Bordeaux ex s.s. *de Dunkerque*

and *de Lille*, in connection with

above Steamers, are hereby informed

that their Goods—with the exception of

Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being

landed and stored at their risk in the

PROSPECTUS OF OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Ordinances of Hongkong 1865 to 1891, by which the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amount of their Shares.

General Managers JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

CAPITAL \$800,000.

DIVIDED INTO 15,000 "A" OR VENDORS' SHARES AND 45,000 "B" OR ORDINARY SHARES OF \$5 EACH

(Of which 13,750 "A" Shares and 5,000 "B" Shares have been allotted and 1,250 "A" Shares and 25,000 "B" Shares are now offered for Subscription.)

Terms of Subscription for "B" Shares

\$1.00 per Share on application.

\$1.50 per Share on allotment.

The balance at call in instalments. Two months' notice to be given in respect of each instalment called up.

Any person may apply for 1 "A" Share for every 20 "B" Shares applied for by him. The "A" Shares are payable \$1 on application and the balance \$4 on allotment.

Application for Shares accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per Share must be sent in to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at its Head Office or at any of its branches on or before the 15th day of January, 1896.

For forms of application apply in Hongkong to JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, or to A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, at Canton Poochow and Shanghai.

The Company was formed to acquire and has purchased the Olivers 100 Acre Freehold and the other properties adjacent thereto belonging to the Vendors with the Machinery, Stamps, &c. thereon for the price of \$50,000 which has been paid and satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 10,000 fully paid "A" or Vendors' Shares and has also purchased the Eureka Mine and the plant and machinery connected therewith situated on the Eastern boundary of the Olivers Freehold for the price of \$35,000 which as to \$10,000 has been paid and satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 2,000 fully paid "A" or Vendors' Shares and as to \$25,000 the balance is payable in cash.

All shares participate equally up to 25 per cent. per annum yearly dividend on the amount paid up on each share but all profits in excess are divided equally between the holders of "A" Shares and "B" Shares.

It is not contemplated at present to issue any more shares but should it become desirable to develop the property on a larger scale the General Managers will propose to the Shareholders that the balance of shares, viz. \$15,000 "B" Shares or such part thereof as may be thought advisable, be issued.

The following is the Report on the property made by Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS:

I arrived in Sydney on Saturday, the 13th July last, where I met by appointment Mr. CHARLES WILLIAMS, a mining expert from Victoria. Mr. WILLIAMS has been personally known to me since 1854; I have absolute confidence in his integrity, skill and judgment. We left Sydney together on Tuesday, the 15th July, and arrived at Mount McDonald on the day following, and commenced our inspection the same afternoon.

The Freehold consists of 100 acres of auriferous land in the form of a direct square, each side of which measures 2087' 6", or 695 yards, 2 feet 6 inches.

The position is to the West of the Eureka Gold Mine, and extends at right angles from its own Eastern Boundary in a westerly direction, across a creek or water course to the opposite range of hills, on the Northern slope of which the greater part of its area lies. The water course which runs through the Freehold divides two ranges of auriferous hills, and finally empties itself into the River Lachlan, about three miles to the South of the dam of the reservoir which supplies the battery belonging to the property, situated at Mount McDonald in the district of Caracore in the province of Bathurst, New South Wales.

The battery itself is to the West of the reservoir, and consequently on the Western side of the creek near the Southern boundary of the property, and its site was selected with excellent judgment, as quartz can be carted to it or rolled to it not only from all parts of the Freehold itself but from all the workings in the neighbourhood at little cost. The Machine house, moreover, being close to its water supply, involves no waste of power in feeding the boilers.

The water supply consists of a reservoir formed by a dam across the creek, and is fed by a watershed of considerable extent embraced by the surrounding hills, and I was informed by men who had been working on the ground for years that the supply never failed in the driest season, from which I inferred that the rainfall is supplemented by subsoil drainage and springs. For fuel there is abundance of good timber in the vicinity.

The Machinery we found to be of the best description and comprises a first class engine and two good boilers. There are 4 batteries of 4 head of stamps, capable of crushing about 20 tons a day in all, as well as 3 pans, shaking tables, and all necessary machinery for extracting from the ore the greatest amount of gold it will pay to take out.

The inspection of the rest of the Freehold was greatly facilitated by the whole of the scrub having been cut down before we arrived, so the estate was laid bare and could be viewed from a convenient spot on the hill from end to end.

A party of Tributors, at work on the Freehold not far from the battery, was raising ore which yielded over 2 ozs. to the ton at each crushing. The men informed me that they discovered the reef on the surface in walking over the hill after rain, by observing gold in quartz at the bottom of a cart rut which had been washed clean by the water flowing through it.

The old workings are of the most primitive description having evidently been made by alluvial miners unaccustomed to quartz. The reefs were worked from the surface down without timbering, until it became dangerous to go deeper. None of these workings were any depth, and the numerous heavy finds of gold were all found near the surface. That much of the quartz must have been very rich is certain, for it is

said about 100 ozs. of gold a month were obtained by the owners of the battery at the time from recrushing and washing the tailings. One working not far from the battery yielded 10 ozs. of gold to the ton, and £700 worth of gold was taken out of a hole a few feet deep just below the dam.

It is seen by examining the old workings which still exist that they were mined by men unaccustomed to cope with quartz mining difficulties. The work is of the crudest description and it is evident that as soon as water was reached in sufficient quantity to require machinery, or because the earth began to fall in or become dangerous through being untimbered, the mines were abandoned. This part of the district was, moreover, at the time infested by desperate bands of bushrangers who rendered residence there very undesirable. It was a long time before the Government was able to hunt them down, owing to the nature of the country.

Undoubtedly large deposits of gold, and probably exceptionally rich deposits, will be found when these reefs, which proved so good on the surface, are worked to a depth by quartz mining experts under honest and experienced management, backed by sufficient capital. The ground is already prospected; it is well known where the gold has been got near the surface, and it is only necessary to sink properly timbered shafts and get below these old workings and work up. Some of these shafts will require pumping gear.

As far as I know, it has never been heard of that quartz reefs rich in gold near the surface failed to yield good results at a greater depth. Such reefs have been profitably worked on Bendigo and other places to a depth of close on 3,000 feet, and are still at work after 40 years. Given sufficient capital economically administered or expended, as it would be in any other business expected to pay, I am of opinion that better results will be obtained from the working of Oliver's Freehold Mines than are obtained by 99 out of 100 of the Gold Companies floated in London and elsewhere.

The Eureka Mine lies on the Eastern boundary of Oliver's Freehold and consists of several Gold Mining Leases lying between the Queen Mine on the North and the Great Eastern Mine on the South. It will be seen by reference to the map that to the South of the Great Eastern Mine three lots lying on either side of the creek which runs through the Freehold and discharges itself into the Lachlan River have been secured this giving to the Company a magnificent water supply.

The new shaft of the Eureka has been sunk to a depth of 85 feet. The old workings before the miners were flooded out yielded to a depth of 140 feet not less than 1 oz. of Gold per ton with occasional better results. This is recorded in the Government Reports.

It is in this mine that the Company's operations will commence by deepening the new shaft by about 120 feet. This shaft has been properly timbered as far as it goes and is surrounded by poplar heads in the vicinity of which is a machine house with necessary winding and pumping gear for freeing the mine from water. All were in good order and fit to commence work when inspected.

The further sinking of the shaft is not through difficult ground and the cost of labour and properly timbering will be only about £3 per foot. When deepened sufficient tunnels will be driven to the North and South and the reef will be worked upwards which is the most economical plan.

The amount of water to be dealt with of course increases the cost of mining and renders it impossible for ordinary working miners to develop such properties on their own account but it is not disadvantageous for those having means in a country subject to drought.

One of the drawbacks to the development of mining in the district has been that there was no proper accommodation for miners of the better class with their wives and families and it is proposed to build a few comfortable cottages to induce this class of men to settle on the property.

The operations of the Company will at first be limited to deepening the Eureka new shaft and driving tunnels through the reef. It is confidently anticipated that this mine being taken over in a working condition will pay expenses from an early date and within a short time win good results. A map of the mines is attached and also a map of New South Wales showing Railways and the direction of the Reef running through the property with the position marked of some of the principal mines.

Viz.—No. 1.—Ophir where Gold was first discovered in Australia.

No. 2.—Lucknow—The Wentworth Proprietary Company, £500,000 Capital.

No. 3.—Mount McDonald—Olivers Freehold Mines including Eureka.

No. 4.—Adelung—Gibraltar Gold Mining Company floated in London.

October 1895, Capital £300,000 fully subscribed.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

HONGKONG.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Co.'s Steamship *Yamaguchi*, Captain GYNN, will be despatched for the above

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This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers.

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The Steamship *Chingpo*, Captain BLAIR, will be despatched for the above

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*, Captain BARNARD, will be despatched for the above

Ports on FRIDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & Co.,

General Managers.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Co.'s Steamship *Amara*, Captain D. FARRIS, will be despatched as above on

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Co.'s Steamship *Kaitum*, Captain E. WARSALL, Comm'dr, will be despatched as above on or about the 30th Instant.

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